

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP ON
JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION**

*****PLEASE NOTE THAT INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED.***
INFORMATION IS REQUESTED TO COMPLY WITH STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS
FOR COMMISSION MEMBERS.**

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1. Indicate your present employment.

Pastor- First Baptist Church Blountville, Tennessee

- 2.

- a. If you are an attorney, state the year you were licensed to practice law in Tennessee and provide your BPR Number.

- b. If you are an attorney, identify your primary subject area(s) of practice, present and past.

3. Please indicate the amount of time that you have been a citizen of the state of Tennessee.

50 years

4. List the county or counties in which you have resided in the past year.

Sullivan

5. Are you a salaried office holder of the State of Tennessee or the United States?

☐ Yes ☒ No

6. If your response to question 5 was yes, are you a member of the national guard, member of any armed forces reserve organization, district attorney general or employee of a district attorney general, district public defender or employee of a district public defender?

☐ Yes ☐ No

7. Have you ever pled guilty or been convicted or are you now on diversion for violation of any law, regulation or ordinance? Give date, court, charge and disposition.

No

8. To your knowledge, are you now under federal, state or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute or disciplinary rule? If so, give details.

No

9. Please explain why you would like to serve on the Judicial Nominating Commission and why you would be an effective member. (300 words or less)

(See Attached)

10. The Lieutenant Governor (Speaker of the Senate) and the Speaker of the House both have appointments to the Judicial Nominating Commission. Please indicate to which office you would like your application to be sent for consideration.

- ☐ Lieutenant Governor
- ☐ Speaker of the House
- ☒ Both Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House

11. I certify that all information contained in this application is correct.

- ☒ I am not employed as a lobbyist.
- ☒ I am not an employer of a lobbyist.
- ☒ I do not hold office in any political party or political organization.

Dated this the 25th day of May, 2011.

Clay Austin
Signature of Applicant

9. Please explain why you would like to serve on the Judicial Nominating Commission and why you would be an effective member.

As a minister I have had the opportunity to work with lawyers and judges on many occasions in various settings. Recently I was involved in a study which involved judges from across the state from the Supreme Court of Tennessee to local courts. As a result of these experiences, I have a great appreciation for our legal system and the people who are a part of that system.

First, I would consider it a privilege to serve on the Judicial Nominating Commission. I would seek to understand the process, listen, learn and strive to be a productive committee member. When serving on a jury some years ago I was asked, "As a minister would you be more likely to be prejudiced toward my client?" My reply was, "I hope I would be more likely to be just." I have a great interest in our court system and would seek to present the best and most qualified candidates to serve.

**Clay Austin
Blountville, Tennessee**